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TAGS: PDIP, PINR, PROG, US, VM

SUBJECT: INDICTMENT FOR ESPIONAGE AND COMPROMISE OF DOCUMENTS: ACTIVITIES OF SRV MISSION TO UN

1. WITH REGARD TO THE ARREST OF AMCIT RONALD LOUIS HUMPHREY AND U.S. PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIEN TRUONG DINH HUNG, WE WISH TO COMMUNICATE THE MESSAGE BEGINNING IN PARA 3 TO THE SRV AS QUICKLY AND PRECISELY AS POSSIBLE. FORMAL REPEAT FORMAL NOTIFICATION WILL BE MADE BY ORAL DEMARCHE FROM USUN TO THE SRV MISSION TO THE UN. IN VIEW OF THE SRV MISSION'S LACK OF RAPID COMMUNICATIONS WITH HANOI, EMBASSY PARIS WILL MAKE SIMULTANEOUS DELIVERY OF MESSAGE THROUGH THE PRATT-THANH LIAISON CHANNEL. PRATT SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO THE VIETNAMESE  
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THAT THIS DEMARCHE IS BEING PRESENTED FORMALLY IN NEW YORK AND IS PROVIDED TO THE SRV PARIS EMBASSY BECAUSE OF COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM.

2. USUN SHOULD DELIVER DEMARCHE TO SRV MISSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, MENTIONING THAT THE MESSAGE IS ALSO BEING PROVIDED THE SRV PARIS EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.

PRATT SHOULD DELIVER MESSAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. BEGIN TEXT: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WISHES TO

REFER TO THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SRV MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AMBASSADOR DINH BA THI, AND OTHER SRV OFFICIALS IN THE ESPIONAGE CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE UNITED STATES WHICH WAS DISCLOSED JANUARY 31, 1978.

4. THE ACTIVITIES OF A MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS CONSPIRACY ARE WHOLLY OUTSIDE HIS OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT MISSION ACCREDITED TO THE UNITED NATIONS. THESE ACTIVITIES CONSTITUTE AN ABUSE OF THE PRIVILEGES OF RESIDENCE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF SECTION 13B OF THE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE UNITED STATES.

5. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE PROLONGED AND DEEP INVOLVEMENT OF VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS IN THIS CONSPIRACY TO BE DAMAGING TO JOINT EFFORTS BY THE U.S. AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO CREATE A NEW RELATIONSHIP. END TEXT.

6. USUN SHOULD LEAVE INFORMAL WRITTEN TEXT OF ABOVE WITH SECRET

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VIETNAMESE.

7. USUN SHOULD ALSO IMMEDIATELY BRIEF SECGEN WALDHEIM, GIVING HIM TEXT OF DEMARCHE TO SRV AND DRAWING ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN EXPLANATION OF AMBASSADOR THI'S STATUS IN INDICTMENT AS UNINDICTED CO-CONSPIRATOR.

--THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION SHOWED THAT DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME COVERED BY THE INDICTMENT DAVID HUNG WAS IN CONTACT FROM TIME TO TIME WITH DINH BA THI CONCERNING ASPECTS OF HIS (HUNG'S) ACTIVITIES COVERED BY THE INDICTMENT.

--FOR EXAMPLE, ON ONE OCCASION THI CALLED HUNG AND TOLD HIM TO KEEP SENDING DOCUMENTS SO THAT HE (THI) COULD "SEND THEM HOME."

--ON ANOTHER OCCASION HUNG DISCUSSED WITH THI THE PROJECTS IN WHICH HE WAS INVOLVED AND THE STEPS HE MIGHT TAKE TO ALLAY SUSPICION.

-- WITH REGARD TO FUTURE STATUS OF AMBASSADOR THI IN VIEW

OF THESE CHARGES, WE HAVE THIS QUESTION UNDER CONSIDERATION. USG RESERVES THE RIGHT UNDER SECTION 13B OF THE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT TO REQUEST AMBASSADOR THI'S DEPARTURE FROM THE U.S.

-- WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, WE WILL BE BRIEFING THE SEC GEN MORE FULLY.

8. PLEASE STRESS THAT ABOVE IS PROVIDED SEC GEN IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

9. IF VIETNAMESE RAISE QUESTION OF AMBASSADOR THI'S STATUS, THE USUN MAY REPLY THAT WE CONSIDER STATEMENTS REGARDING AMBASSADOR THI IN THE INDICTMENT FULLY SUP-  
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PORTED BY EVIDENCE WHICH WILL EMERGE AND THAT WE HAVE THE MATTER UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION. VANCE

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